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SUBJECT: ISRAEL, THE EEC AND THE UN

REF: A) ROME 9671; B) USNATO 3893; C) EC BRUSSELS 6513

1. SINCE WE HAD RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED (REF A) THAT THE EC HAD SHELVED THE IDEA OF A FURTHER DECLARATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST FOR AT LEAST THE TIME BEING, WE QUERIED FOREIGN MINISTRY IN RE AMBASSADOR CATALANO'S STATEMENT (PARA. 8, REF. B) THAT EC IS WORKING ON A STATEMENT MORE DETAILED THAN THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ONE ON THE ISRAELI ISSUE.

2. ANSWER WAS THAT CATALANO WAS MISTAKEN IF RPT IF HIS STATEMENT IMPLIED ANY INTENTION TO BRING A NEW OR UPDATED RESOLUTION INTO PLAY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE PROBABLY HAD IN MIND ONLY THAT QUESTION OF FURTHER RELEVANT EC RESOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY DROPPED BUT INSTEAD SENT TO ME EXPERTS GROUP FOR FURTHER STUDY (REF. A).

3. FONMIN SOURCES TELL US OF TWO FURTHER RELEVANT AND HELPFUL GOI INITIATIVES, ONE TAKEN, ONE PENDING, IN PRESIDENCY ROLE. FIRST, GOI HAS SUGGESTED FURTHER EC PRE-UNGA CONSULTATION ON UN PROBLEM GENERALLY AND ISRAEL SPECIFICALLY. IN ASCENDING ORDER OF GOI PREFERENCE, CONSULTATIONS COULD BE ME EXPERTS CONVENING IN ROME(TOO LOW LEVEL), EC AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK (MAYBE TOO PRESSED) OR POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON MARGINS OF HELSINKI MEETING. NOT SUFFICIENT REPLIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO DETERMINE LOCUS OF SUCH TALKS.

4. SECOND, OFFICE DIRECTOR LEVEL IN FONMIN IS RECOMMENDING, AND BELIEVES FONMIN RUMOR WILL AGREE, THAT ALL ITALIAN EMBASSIES BE INSTRUCTED TO PRESENT THE TEXT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S JULY 17 DECLARATION ON UN (REF. C) TO HOST GOVERNMENTS, "EMPHASIZING AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN ASPECTS" OF IT. COMMENT: WE GATHER THAT THE ACCOMPANYING ORAL PRESENTATION (ONE SOURCE TERMED IT A "DEMARCHE") WOULD PRETTY MUCH FOCUS ON PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE DECLARATION.
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